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FM AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3585

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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WASHINGTON PASS SMI FOR SECRETARY S DILLON RIPLEY AND  
KENNEDY SCHMERTZ, OIA

NEW DELHI PASS MR. MURTHY, SMI C/O SCIAT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TPHY, OSCI, IN, BT

SUBJ: RIPLEY BHUTAN EXPEDITION

REF: A. STATE 164051 DATED 18 AUGUST

B. MILLS LETTER TO CONROY, SMI DATED 21 FEB 1973

C. MAKEPEACE, SMI, LETTER TO BURLEIGH DATED 17 AUGUST

1. FOR WASH SMI: DURING CONVERSATION 27 AUGUST BY MILLS AND  
CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES WITH OFFICIALS BHUTAN STATE TRADING  
CORP. (BSTC) HAVE LEARNED THAT ORIGINAL PACKING LISTS,  
INVOICE AND AIRWAY BILL AS PER REFLET C HAVE NOT YET BEEN  
RECEIVED BY BSTC. COPY THESE DOCUMENTS CONTAINED REFLET C  
PASSED BSTC AND BOTH BSTC AND AMCONSUL ATTEMPTING TRACE  
WHEREABOUTS SHIPMENT WHICH HAS NOT YET ARRIVED CALCUTTA.  
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SMI INITIATE STEPS TO TRACE FROM WASHING-  
TON.

2. AS REPORTED BY MILLS IN REFLET B AND SUBSEQUENT CONVERSA-  
TIONS WITH SMI OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, RIPLEY EXPEDITION  
EQUIPMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIGNED TO BSTC, ATTENTION  
DIRECTOR DAWA PENJORE, IN ORDER EXPEDITE CLEARANCE. THIS  
PROCEDURE AGREED UPON BY MILLS AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES  
TOGETHER WITH MR. DAWA PENJORE AND BSTC STAFF ON 15 FEBRUARY.  
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UNFORTUNATELY, PAN AM AIRWAY BILL 026-3539-672 ADDRESSES SHIP-

MENT TO S. DILLON RIPLEY, C/O BSTC WHICH CAUSES SEVERE DIFFICULTIES.

3. BSTC NOW REPORTS IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHIN TIME LIMIT TO CLEAR SHIPMENT AS ADDRESSED AND HAS NOW REQUESTED SMI ISSUE NEW AIRWAY BILL FOR SHIPMENT ADDRESSED TO H.R.H. MANGYAL WANGCHUK, C/O BSTC. APPARENTLY THIS PROCEDURE ONLY WAY NOW AVAILABLE IN ORDER CLEAR SHIPMENT IN TIME FOR RIPLEY VISIT. MILLS WILL ALSO ATTEMPT IN THIMPU WITH NAMGYAL WANGCHUK TO CLEAR PROBLEM IN CASE SMI FINDS DIFFICULTIES WITH ISSUING NEW AIRWAY BILL.

4. EVEN AFTER RECEIPT NEW DOCUMENTS CLEARANCE IN CALCUTTA ACCORDING BSTC WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE WEEK AND SHIPMENT FROM CALCUTTA TO PHUNTSOLING BY TRUCK WILL REQUIRE ABOUT THREE DAYS IN ADDITION. WE, THEREFORE, REQUEST IMMEDIATE SMI ACTION IN ORDER ENSURE CLEARANCE AND TRANSPORT TO BHUTAN OF SHIPMENT. SPECIAL PERMITS FOR ITEMS IN PARAGRAPHS FOUR THROUGH SIX, REFTEL A, APPARENTLY NOT REQUIRED IF ABOVE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED AND DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE WITHIN TIME LIMITS IF REQUESTED BY EMBASSY/CONSUL.

5. FOR DELHI (MR. MURTHY, SMI): PLEASE CONTACT MR. DAWA PENJORE, REPORTEDLY NOW IN NEW DELHI AS WELL AS BHUTANSE MISSION IN ORDER REPORT ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS AND TO REQUEST THEIR ASSISTANCE CLEARING SHIPMENT.  
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